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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: Ronald P. Sansone
 For: **SYSTEM FOR ACCEPTING NON-HARMING MAIL AT A RECEPTACLE**

Enclosed are:

27 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.
 8 sheets of drawing.
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
 An Information Disclosure Statement with attachments.
 A Recordation of Assignment Request with attached copy of executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700.
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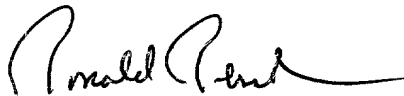
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Patent Application consisting of 27 pages and 8 sheets of drawings; Transmittal Letter (original + 1); Return Receipt Postcard; Declaration and Power of Attorney; Recordation of Assignment with copy of executed Assignment attached (original + 1); and Information Disclosure Statement with attachments were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail on December 12, 2001. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EF041619972US.

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